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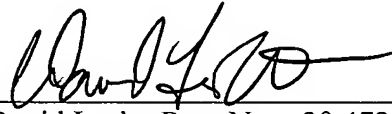
Sir:

The owner of the subject application, Hoover Limited, is also the owner of U.S. Patent No. 7,166,141 and of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/817,596, each of which has at least one inventor in common with the subject application, and each of which has the same (or within two months of each other) filing and priority dates as the subject application. The drawings and the related written description of the subject application differ from those of the identified co-owned Patent No. 7,166,141 and co-pending Serial No. 10/817,596 application. Nonetheless, in an abundance of caution, applicant is filing this Notice.

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